

July 14, 2016

Regional Freedom of Information Officer
U.S. EPA, Region 2
290 Broadway, 26th Floor
New York, NY 10007-1866

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, we write to request copies of the following records:

**Documents Relating to Assessments of Environmental Conditions
on Rikers Island**

1. All assessments of Rikers Island air quality for the period of January 1, 2010 through the present.
2. Any assessments or records of Rikers Island air quality for the period of January 1, 2010 through the present.
3. Any assessments of Rikers Island water quality for the period of January 1, 2010 through the present.
4. Records reflecting collection of emissions information on Rikers Island, including emissions testing data collected for Title V Permit ID No. 2-6007-00259/00033 in connection with Title V permit reporting requirements.
5. All records, including documents, memoranda, studies, findings, correspondence or other information, reflecting any tests or assessments of any soil on Rikers Island for the period of January 1, 2010 through the present.
6. All records, including documents, memoranda, studies, findings, correspondence or other information relating to, describing, or discussing Soil Boring Logs” or “Soil Vapor Logs” for the period of January 1, 2010 through the present.

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7. All draft and final environmental review documents provided to the EPA in connection with any environmental assessment of Rikers Island.
8. All documents and communications exchanged with the EPA in connection with DOC's plan to construct the Rikers Island Cogeneration Plant.
9. Documents, memoranda, communications and reports regarding the Department of Corrections' preparation for renewal of the Rikers Island Title V Permit.
10. Any documents, memos, studies, findings, correspondence reflecting final or draft reports regarding the release of hazardous substances to the environment on Rikers Island, including but not limited to those produced in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, or the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.
11. All draft and final Hazardous Waste Reports submitted in connection with Rikers Island.
12. Any documents, memos, studies, findings, correspondence discussing methane gas leaks in Rikers Island buildings, building foundations, or exterior areas from the period of 2000 to the present.
13. Any documents, memos, studies, findings, correspondence relating to the 2003 methane leak, or any other excessive reading or release of methane gas at Rikers Island.
14. Any records relating to the spill alongside the western wall of the Rikers Island Central Power Plant, documented by the "Rikers Island Cogeneration Plant Site: Phase I Environmental Site Assessment" carried out by AKRF, Inc. in June 2008.¹
15. All records relating to methane emissions from former landfill on Rikers Island.
16. All reports, memoranda or communication reflecting landfill-related methane eruptions or explosions on Rikers Island.

¹ The AKRF environmental assessment states, "A 1,000-gallon waste oil aboveground storage tank aboveground storage tank, six portable, 1,000-gallon waste oil aboveground storage tanks and two 55-gallon waste oil drum storage areas were noted outside the building along the western wall of the plant. Heavy staining and evidence of spill cleanup was observed around the tanks and drums. According to Mr. Watt, Rikers Island Power House Senior Stationary Engineer, storm drains in the area of the power plant were connected to the municipal sewer system." AKRF, Inc., "Rikers Island Cogeneration Plant Site, Bronx, NY, Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, AKRF Project Number 11018" at ii, 3 (June 2008) available at: http://www.nyc.gov/html/doc/downloads/misc/SEQRA_EAF_Appendices.pdf (last accessed July 8, 2016).

17. All Environmental Assessment Forms completed in connection with projects or new construction activities initiated at Rikers Island on or after January 1, 2010.
18. All records relating to any Site Characterization performed on Rikers Island for the period of January 1, 2010 through the present.
19. Documents, memoranda, reports, or communications regarding spills containing benzene, lead, mercury, DDT, spent non-halogenated solvents, or PCB-containing petroleum oil on Rikers Island for the period of January 1, 2010 through the present.
20. Any documents, including final or draft reports, communications, or memoranda, regarding the AKRF recommendation for a "subsurface (Phase II) investigation . . . to determine whether the historical uses of the project site and the surrounding properties have affected on-site environmental conditions. In particular, the scope of the investigation should test for potential soil and groundwater contamination from all on-site fuel oil and waste oil storage, electrical transformers, and materials used as fill to expand the extent of the island."²
21. Any documents, including final or draft reports, communications, or memoranda, reflecting a "subsurface (Phase II) investigation" recommended by AKRF, Inc.³

We request that any records available electronically be provided via email to ada.anon@kayescholar.com or via CD-ROM or other digital media to the address above.

To the extent that records exist only in hard copy, we request that they be scanned and provided in electronic form and if that is not possible we request the opportunity to inspect documents prior to incurring any production costs.

² See *id.* at 21.

³ See *id.*

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Please contact us by email or by phone (212-836-7703) with any questions regarding this request.

Regards,



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